

# An application of Kapteyn series to a problem from queueing theory

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## 1 Introduction

In [2, 4.47], the authors considered the following problem:

**Problem 1** Find the unique solution  $C(D)$  in the range  $(0, 1)$  of the transcendental equation

$$1 = \frac{D}{2(D+1)} F(C), \quad (1)$$

where

$$F(C) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{D+1}} \right) C^n, \quad (2)$$

$J_n(\cdot)$  is the Bessel function of the first kind and  $D > 0$ .

They also defined the functions  $C_1(D, a)$  and  $C_2(D, a)$  implicitly by

$$0 = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{D+1}} F(C) + \frac{1}{2} C_1 F_1(C), \quad (3)$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{D+1}} \left[ 1 - \frac{a^2}{2(D+1)} \right] F_2(C) + \left[ \frac{1}{4} \frac{a}{\sqrt{D+1}} C_1 + C_2 \right] F_1(C), \quad (4)$$

where  $a > 0$  and

$$F_1(C) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} n J_n \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{D+1}} \right) C^n, \quad F_2(C) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} n J'_n \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{D+1}} \right) C^n. \quad (5)$$

Using some properties and asymptotic approximations for the Bessel functions, they proved that

$$\left( \sqrt{D+1} - \sqrt{D} \right) \exp \left( \sqrt{\frac{D}{D+1}} \right) < C(D) < 1, \quad (6)$$

$$C(D) \sim 1 - \frac{D^2}{4}, \quad C_1(D) \sim \frac{aD}{2}, \quad C_2(D) \sim \frac{1}{4} - \frac{a^2}{8}, \quad D \rightarrow 0, \quad C(D) \sim \sqrt{\frac{e}{D}}, \quad D \rightarrow \infty. \quad (7)$$

Series of the form (2), (5) are called Kapteyn series [1]. The purpose of this work is to obtain exact solutions of (1), (3) and (4) using properties of such series.

## 2 Main Result

**Theorem 2** The solutions of (1), (3) and (4) are given by

$$C(D) = \frac{\exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{D}{D+1} \right)}{\sqrt{D+1}}, \quad C_1(D) = \frac{D}{2(D+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} a, \quad C_2(D) = \frac{\sqrt{D+1}}{4} - \frac{D + (D+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{8(D+1)^2} a^2. \quad (8)$$

**Proof.** Let

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D+1}}, \quad C = e^{iM}, \quad M = E - \varepsilon \sin(E). \quad (9)$$

Using (9) and the formula [3, 2.1 (2)],

$$J_{-n}(z) = (-1)^n J_n(z), \quad (10)$$

we can rewrite (1) as

$$\frac{2}{1-\varepsilon^2} = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} J_n(n\varepsilon) \cos(nM) = \frac{1}{1-\varepsilon \cos(E)}, \quad (11)$$

where we have used [3, 17.21 (6)] and

$$r = \frac{\alpha(1-\varepsilon^2)}{1+\varepsilon \cos(\omega)} = \alpha[1-\varepsilon \cos(E)]. \quad (12)$$

It follows from (11) that

$$E = \arccos\left(\frac{1+\varepsilon^2}{2\varepsilon}\right) \quad (13)$$

and therefore

$$M = \arccos\left(\frac{1+\varepsilon^2}{2\varepsilon}\right) + \frac{i}{2}(\varepsilon^2 - 1).$$

Thus,

$$C(D) = e^{iM} = \varepsilon \exp\left(\frac{1-\varepsilon^2}{2}\right) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{D}{D+1}\right)}{\sqrt{D+1}}.$$

Using (9) and (10) in (5), we have [3, 17.21 (9-10)]

$$F_1(C) = 2i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n J_n(n\varepsilon) \sin(nM) = \frac{\alpha^2}{r^2} \sin(\omega) \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} i, \quad (14)$$

$$F_2(C) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n J'_n(n\varepsilon) \cos(nM) = \frac{\alpha^2}{r^2} \cos(\omega),$$

where [3, 17.2 (1-3)]

$$\sin(\omega) = \frac{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}}{1-\varepsilon \cos(E)} \sin(E). \quad (15)$$

Using (12), (13) and (15) in (14), we obtain

$$F_1(C) = -\frac{4}{(1-\varepsilon^2)^2} = -4 \left(\frac{D+1}{D}\right)^2, \quad F_2(C) = \frac{4}{\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon^2)^2} = 4 \frac{(D+1)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{D^2}. \quad (16)$$

Replacing (16) in (3)-(4), the result follows. ■

An easy computation, shows that (8) implies (6) and (7).

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